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Applicant: Charles D. Y. Sia et al

Title: HIV-SPECIFIC CYTOTOXIC T-CELL RESPONSES

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**PETITION TO REVIVE AND UNINTENTIONALLY
ABANDONED APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 137(b)**

The Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks,
Box AF,
Washington, D.C. 20231,
U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

This application stands abandoned for failure to file an Appeal Brief in timely manner. Such abandonment was unintentional.

In support of this Petition, submitted herewith are:

1. Continued Prosecution Application; and
2. Petition fee

It is hereby stated, under the signature of the undersigned, that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant hereto was unintentional.

The due date for filing an Appeal Brief was entered into our due date system. Owing to an oversight by a data input clerk, the due date was inadvertently subsequently deleted and the failure to file an Appeal Brief in timely

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manner only come to light when the Notice of Dismissal of the Appeal dated November 15, 2000 was received by the undersigned.

In this instance, the requirement for a required reply is being satisfied by the submission of a Continued Prosecution Application in lieu of an Appeal Brief.

This Petition is being submitted as expeditiously as possible following receipt of the November 15, 2000 communication.

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Respectfully submitted,



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